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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

CURRENT QUARANTINE MEASURES.

[From the Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes, Berlin, April 29, 1908.]

PLAGUE.

BRITISH EAST INDIES.—March 31. Quarantine measures at the port of Orissa against Tellicherry suspended.

GERMAN EMPIRE.—April 25. Vessels and passengers arriving at German ports from ports in Venezuela subject to medical inspection before receiving free pratique.

TURKEY.—April 20. Arrivals from Alexandria subject to five days' quarantine and measures of disinfection, including rat destruction.

AUSTRALIA.

Plague at Brisbane, Kempsey, and Sydney—Examination of rodents for plague infection.

The following information is taken from plague bulletins issued by the department of health of Queensland and New South Wales and forwarded by Consul-General Bray at Melbourne:

QUEENSLAND.

Brisbane.—Week ended March 7. A case of bubonic plague occurred March 3 in the person of a warehouse employee. Active measures for disinfection and rat destruction were carried out. Six guinea-pigs were allowed to run free in certain parts of the warehouse. Of this number, 2 died of plague. Of 237 rats taken from the warehouse between February 12 and March 2, 19 were found to be plague infected. Total number of rodents destroyed during the week, 603; examined, 527; found infected 0. Week ended March 14. Two fatal cases of plague. One case occurred in the person of an employee in the same warehouse with the case reported during the previous week. Bacteriological examination showed plague infection present in 5 guinea-pigs; 6 rat fleas were found to contain *bacillus pestis.* No rats were found on the premises on which the second case occurred. Total number of rats destroyed during the week, 372; examined, 287; found infected, 0. Week ended March 21. Rodents destroyed, 362; examined, 266; found infected, 0. Week ended March 28. Rodents destroyed, 497; examined, 393; found infected, 1. The

infected rat was found on the warehouse premises on which the two fatal plague cases reported March 7 and 14 occurred. Date of finding of last plague-infected rat, March 26.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Sydney.—Week ended March 9. One plague case remaining under treatment. Rodents destroyed, 2,117; examined, 749; found infected, 3. Week ended March 16. Rodents destroyed, 2,093; examined, 600; found infected, 4. One plague case remaining. Week ended March 23. Rodents destroyed, 2,244; examined, 695; found infected, 40. Of these plague-infected rats 36 were found in one produce store, and 4 on different premises in the same neighborhood. One plague case remaining. Week ended March 30. Rodents destroyed, 2,273; examined, 555; found infected, 11. Date of last plague-infected rat, March 26. One plague case remaining.

Kempsey.—Week ended March 9. One plague case. Source of infection not traced. Week ended March 16. Cleansing operations completed. No source of infection found in the town.

BARBADOS.

Reports from Bridgetown—Inspection and fumigation of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Urquhart reports, May 2:

Week ended May 2. Bills of health issued to 12 steamships having 484 persons in their crews and 253 passengers. Two of the steamships were fumigated. No quarantinable diseases were reported during the week.

Fatal case of yellow fever in vicinity.

Consul Clare reports, April 22:

A fatal case of yellow fever occurred April 14, about 13 miles from Bridgetown.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Report from Belize, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mengis reports as follows:

Week ended May 7. Present officially estimated population, 10,000. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
May 1	Belize	Mobile	18	6	0
	Corinto	New Orleans	30	5	21
1	Carrie W. Babson	Tampa, Fla	6	0	0